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### FEDERAL-STATE WILDLIFE PROGRAM TO BE DIRECTED BY ALBERT M. DAY

Appointment of Albert M. Day, biologist of the U. S. Biological Survey, as chief of the Survey's new division for administering the Federal-State cooperative wildlife-restoration program is announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Before being assigned last November to work out plans for the cooperative program, Mr. Day was in charge of the Section of Predator and Rodent Control of the Bureau's Division of Game Management.

Federal cooperation with States in wildlife restoration has been made possible by the Pittman-Robertson Act, approved September 2, 1937. It authorizes Congress to make appropriations equal to the revenue derived annually from Federal taxes on firearms and ammunition. These taxes total about \$3,250,000 annually. Under the act, however, such an appropriation would not have been available before June 30, 1939, and to get the work under way this year Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 with the stipulation that expenditures shall not exceed aggregate receipts from the Federal taxes.

The appropriation will be used in selecting, restoring, and developing land and water areas approved for State wildlife units, and for research into management problems. Allotments for each participating State will be announced shortly. Projects will be passed upon as soon as possible. Allotments will be based on the State's size and number of hunting licenses sold. Participating States will also cooperate by providing funds equal to one third of the Federal allotments, and by carrying on these projects in accordance with Federal standards.

The Survey's new Division of Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration has three sections--Land and Structures, Program Planning, and Apportionments and Statistics. Robert M. Rutherford, of the Bureau's Division of Land Acquisition, will be in charge of the Section of Lands and Structures. Paul J. Miller, a biologist in the Division of Wildlife Research, has been named an assistant in the Section of Program Planning. Appointment of a person to be in charge of this section will be made shortly. Guy W. Lane, an assistant in the Section of Law Enforcement, Division of Game Management, is now in charge of the Section of Apportionments and Statistics.

Mr. Day joined the Biological Survey in 1919 as a field assistant in rodent control in Wyoming. Later he was in charge of cooperative work for controlling injurious mammals in Wyoming and part time in Nebraska. After transferring to the Bureau's Washington Office in 1930, he was placed in charge of the Section of Predator and Rodent Control. In conducting this work Mr. Day became well-acquainted with wildlife problems and was frequently called upon by State game officials for advice. He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Wyoming.